

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Local stations have
an obligation to
broadcast what will
be most beneficial
to the local
community, not what
is dictated by some
national
headquarters. This
is unfair,
unbalanced, and not
a reasonable use of
the public airwaves.

In recent years, the
FCC has been doing
anything but serving
the people of this
country. It has been
catering to huge
media corporations
that couldn't care
less about their
responsibilities to
the communities in
which they operate
or to journalistic
honesty in general.
It is the job of the
US Federal
Government--the FCC,
specifically--to
stand up against
companies who misuse
our public airwaves.

The FCC has not been
living up to this
expectation and
responsibility--not
even close. But why
should it? Media
lobbyists far
outweigh lobbyists
for citizens' groups
in Washington, and
have traditionally
had a strong, direct
hand in FCC policy
decisions.

These media giants,
of which Sinclair is
only one example,

have routinely taken
advantage of their
broadcasting
privileges, and it
is about time the
FCC took some action
on behalf of the
American people.

Thank you.